

## Utility Patent Application

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to an Office Action having a mailing date of April 4, 2007 (the “Office Action”) that Applicant has received from the Patent Office and that relates to the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests that the patent application be reconsidered in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter, which are submitted as a full and complete response to the aforementioned Office Action.

This paper is timely filed upon the mailing of same with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before July 5, 2007 (July 4, 2007 being a federal holiday). No fees are believed to be due by virtue of the filing of this paper. If it is determined that any fees are in fact due, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Claims 1, 3, 7-10, and 15-30 remain in the subject patent application. Claims 1, 7, 15, 20, 23, and 28 are amended and claim 2 is canceled herein. Claims 4-6 and 11-14 were canceled in an earlier paper.